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REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES IN EXHAUST GAS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 15, 1998, said period of response being extended from September 15, 1998 to December 15, 1998.

Our check in the amount of \$870.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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